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TOPIC Military Information from Salzwedel

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DATE OF CONTENT 15 to 25 November 1952

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REMARKS

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1. On 15 November 1952, the barracks installation at Salzwedel airfield housed a Soviet border komendatura and a training unit of the national army. [redacted]

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[redacted] From 5 to 20 October 1952, this office had orders for 8.3 tons of rye-bread and 5.9 tons of wheat bread placed with a private bakery by the town administration of Salzwedel.¹ A soldier of the national army stated that officers candidates and signal units were trained by German and Soviet officers at the airfield. He said that the quarters were so crowded that one third of the personnel had to be on leave.²

2. From 21 to 25 November 1952, the Burghof in Hildburghausen was still occupied by 50 to 60 Soviets. [redacted]

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Burghof.³ Heldburg was still occupied by about 80 VPs including 35 recruits. About 60 VPs commanded by Lieutenant Frenzel (fnu) were stationed in Holzhausen. As billeting equipment was stored in a requisitioned house in Sonnefeld, source concluded that VP replacements would soon arrive.⁴

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1. [redacted] Comment. A Soviet komendatura with Colonel Matrasov (fnu) as commanding officer had been reported [redacted] in October 1952. [redacted]

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[redacted] The motor vehicles belong to the Third Shock Army. [redacted] to a supply headquarters of the GOFG in Potsdam which had several branches in East Germany. It is believed that one of these branches placed the orders with the bakery mentioned.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the airfield was occupied by VP units which received training by Soviets. It cannot be stated, however, whether these VP units belong to the border police or KVP.

3. Field Comment. It is known that Hildburghausen is occupied by a Soviet unit.

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[redacted] belongs to elements of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div committed to border guard duty.

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4. ☐ Comment. Heldburg quarters a komendatura or Kommando while Holzhausen is occupied by a detail of the border police unit in Meiningen. Judging from the figures mentioned, it is believed that the personnel strength has been substantially increased.

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